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SUBJECT: CITY CENTER BOMB IN PROXIMITY CAMADA HOUSE

1. TRUCK CONTAINING 400 CYLINDERS BOTTLED GAS HI-JACKED IN ANDERSONSTOWN AREA BELFAST NOVEMBER 18. HIJACKERS LOADED 200 POUND BOMB IN TRUCK BETWEEN CYLIDERS, TOOK HELPER AS HOSTAGE ORDERED DRIVER TO TAKE BOMB TO CANADA HOUSE IN CITY CENTER. DRIVER TOOK TRUCK INSTEAD TO ANOTHER SPOT NEARBY AND GAVE ALARM. ARMY SUCCESSFULLY DEFUSED BOMB AFTER FIVE HOURS DURING WHICH DOWMTOWN TRAFFIC IMMOBILIZED.

2. CONGEN SEES NO RPT NO OBVIOUS REASON FOR SELECTION CANADA HOUSE AS TARGET. IN ADDITION TO CONSULATE OFFICES, LARGELY FOR IMMIGRATION JUNCTION, CANADA HOUSE HAS OFFICES BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH (SERVICE FOR BOOKIES), AIR CANADA, ULSTER-LOMBARD BANK, PIGS MARKETING BOARD AND COOPERATIVE ASSURANCE SOCIETY. CANADIANS HAVE HOWEVER MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEVERAL VISA REFUSALS IN RECENT PAST. CONSULATE ANNOUNCE

NOVEMBER 17 THERE WOULD BE FEWER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL-TEACHERS
TO IMMIGRATE. LATTER ANNOUNCEMENT UNFORTUNATELY COINCIBED WITH
CITY HALL DEMONSTRATION BY EDUCATION STUDENTS PROTESTING LACK
OF JOBS FOR GRADUATES. CONGEN DOES NOT RPT NOT SUGGEST ANY
CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND BOMBING ATTEMPT HOWEVER. INDIVIDUAL
VISA REFUSAL IS MORE PLAUSIBLE MOTIVE. CONGEN NOTES CANADIAN
CONSULATE NO LONGER NOTIFIES VISA APPLICANTS OF REFUSALS.
NOTICE OF REFUSAL SENT DIRECTLY TO APPLICANT BY MAIL FROM
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